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From: Office of Commissioner Susan Bitter Smith

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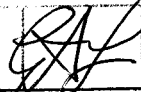
Re: EPCOR Water Arizona, Inc.
SW-01303A-09-0343
W-01303A-09-0343

Commissioner Bitter Smith's office has received approximately 120 letters in the mail regarding the above captioned docket. The documents can be viewed in Docket Control or online on the eDocket website.

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October 10, 2014

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Carol Sagun
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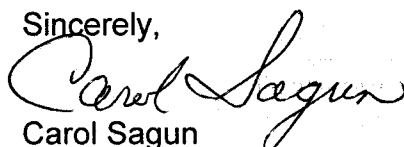
**Subject: Docket No. W-01303A-09-0343; SW-0303A-0-0343,
Wastewater Rate Design Examination**

Dear Commissioner Susan Bitter Smith,

As a resident of Sun City, I had to take my social security at 62 and I have no pension and a limited 401K plan. I have been working as a barista at a local Starbucks for minimal wage for seven years to supplement my income. I will be 66 in February with no retirement in sight. I am lucky that my health allows me to stand on my feet and work a younger person's job. At my age, finding another job is not going to happen. I don't have long-term nursing insurance and probably never will be able to afford it. I moved to Sun City eight years ago because it is the best low-cost senior living community. A 90% rate increase is excessive and I do not believe it is in our city's best interest to consolidate our water system to subsidize other communities that did not plan well. According to Carole Studdard SCHOLA marketing director, the numbers do not add up and has Sun City subsidizing these other communities. This is not right and should not occur. I want you to know this would be a great hardship for me and I imagine for many other seniors that are barely getting by.

I plead with you to leave Sun City out of any water consolidation. Sun City by itself can afford any future overhaul at a lower cost to its residents should it be needed sometime in the future. Since I have been to several meetings and have reviewed the future costs that may be needed, it is very obvious that it would be much less expensive for Sun City remaining alone rather than participating in the proposed consolidation. Tapping into resources from seniors should not be a consideration to offset costs to appease a few. Remember one day you will be a senior and be in my shoes.

Sincerely,


Carol Sagun

October 10, 2014

Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing
1200 W. Washington Street, 2nd Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: **DOCKET NO. W-01303A-09-0343; SW-0303A-0-0343,**
Wastewater Rate Design Examination

Attn: Susan Bitter Smith

As a Sun City, AZ resident I am requesting you do not allow full consolidation of all the EPCOR wastewater districts. Based on the figures supplied by EPCOR, each Sun City wastewater user would experience a 90% rate increase if full-district consolidation was to be approved by the commission.

EPCOR noted in their ACC response they have projected additional capital improvement costs for the Sun City District of \$9.3M over the next five years. If a full consolidation were to take place, Sun City users would be required to pay an additional \$22.5M over the noted five-year period. This equates to subsidizing other district costs in the amount of \$13.2M. We cannot and should not be required to subsidize other districts for poor planning and choices.

If the rate increase is approved as requested it will place an additional financial burden on many of the residents of Sun City. Most have moved here because of the economic advantages of this retirement community, such as Real Estate taxes and insurance rates. Most residents are retirees and live on fixed incomes. Some may have to make choices in their living standards to compensate for this increase. Hopefully they will not have to make choices with their budget regarding food or medical expenses.. It seems unreasonable for us to be burdened with the expense of correcting problems created in other water districts due to poor planning.

Thank you for your consideration and a vote to deny full consolidation of the EPCOR wastewater districts.

Respectfully yours,

Ronald E. Hunter



Sun City's Advocate
Since 1963

All residents are encouraged to be certain emails, letters and direct web comments are completed and sent to the commissioners at the Arizona Corporation Commission to ensure defeat. Local groups are not able to defeat the consolidation initiative; only rate payers are able to accomplish this. You may email or mail the letter below.

SHARE THE INFORMATION WITH NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS!

Arizona Corporation Commission address: **Arizona Corporation Commission
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September 17, 2014

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(☒) I am opposed to full consolidation of all EPCOR wastewater districts.
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Comments: _____

Signature: 
Printed Name: M.J. KHAN

Zip Code: 85351

City of Volunteers

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Support the Full Consolidation of EPCOR Wastewater Districts

Water Action Committee

To: Susan Bitter Smith, Commissioner
Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing
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Phoenix, Arizona 85007

From: Charles W. Hyndeman & Family
2854 North Heritage Street
Buckeye, AZ 85396-1521

Subject: ACC dockets: SW-01303A-09-0343
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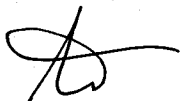
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To: Susan Bitter Smith, Commissioner
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From: A & L Rudow
2658 N. Riley Rd.
Buckeye, AZ 85396

Subject: ACC dockets: SW-01303A-09-0343
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Loretta Rudow

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Sincerely,

Pam Payan

Please consider this whole heartedly, with much thought, and do what is right - we have had to let our grass die, pull out 1 of 3 plants, and have a saying in our neighborhood "if it's yellow, let it mellow; if it's brown, flush it down!" Other than considering to move out of the ~~only~~ home, - community we have known since moving to AZ 9 1/2 yrs ago, we can't conserve any more.

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Web: VerradoWAC.blogspot.com

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To: Susan Bitter Smith, Commissioner
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From:

Kristen Fusick
3484 N Park
St Buckeye AZ 85396

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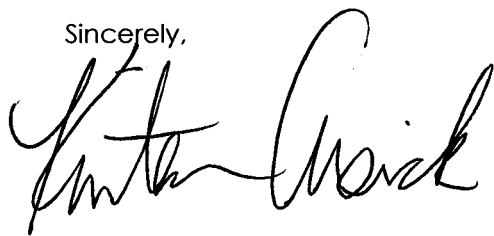
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From: BELINDA GOODMAN
3201 N. PARK ST.
BUCKEYE, AZ. 85396

Subject: ACC dockets: SW-01303A-09-0343
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From: WALTER GOODMAN
3201 N. PARK ST.
BUCKEYE, AZ 85396

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October 14, 2014

Commissioner Susan Bitter-Smith

Commissioners Wing

1200 W. Washington

Second Floor

Phoenix, AZ 8007


Commissioner Bitter-Smith,

We are writing to voice our concerns regarding Epcor's request to consolidate five wastewater districts in their service area. We are a retirement community in Sun City. We live on a fixed income, as do most of our neighbors. We would be paying for the have larger homes and in most cases larger families (many with children), whereas most of us in Sun City have smaller residences with only one or two occupants. We use less water and generate less wastewater per household than the homes in the other districts. Why should those of us who live on fixed incomes pay for the residents of these other communities. With costs of food and medicine, we are already stretching our budgets to the maximum and simply cannot afford 89 per cent increase in our sewer bills.

Please say NO to Epcor's request for consolidation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Elmer and Shirley Gunn

10314 W Desert Rock Drive

Sun City, AZ 85351

MARK F BRAUN

13243 W. Ballad Drive

SUN CITY WEST, AZ 85375
623 584 5896 brauntcuunion@gmail.com

October 16, 2014



Mr. R, Stump, Chairman
Commissioners Wing
1200 W Washington St Second Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Chairman Stump

Reference Docket #SW-01303A-09

I WISH TO VOICE MY OPPOSITION TO THE ABOVE REFERENCED DOCKET, CONCERNING THE "EPCOR" PROPOSAL TO CONSOLIDATE THE WATER AND SEWER FACILITIES COVERING SUN CITY, SUN CITY WEST, Northeast AQUIA, ANTHEM, AND VERRADO WHEREIN IT IS PROPOSED TO CONSOLIDATE THESE WATER/SEWER SYSTMS INTO ONE.

THERE IS ABOLSTUTELY NO REASON TO CONSOLIDATE THEM, WE ARE NOT CONTIGUOUS TO ANY OF THEM, AS A MATTER FACT ON REVIEWING A MAP OF THE PROPOSAL INDICATES THAT WE ARE MILES AND MILES AWAY FROM VERRADO, ANTHEM AND THE PROPOSAL COVERING MOHAVE.

I STRONGLY URGE YOU AND THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION TO DENY THE "APCOR" PROPOSAL, AND LEAVE US SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE SUN CITIES ALONE AND DO NOT USE US TO PAY FOR FACILITIES, THAT ARE MILES AWAY AND IN ESSENCE WILL SUBSIDIZE THOSE AREAS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS ON THE BACK OF US SENIOR CITIZENS.

PLEASE HEAR OUR APPEAL AND DENY THE ABOVE REFERENCED DOCKET

SINCERELY YOURS

Mark F Braun
MARK F BRAUN

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do not leave us with this consolidation and increased fees for us. we have a very limited income. why should we subsidize them

Support the Full Consolidation of EPCOR Wastewater Districts

Water Action Committee

To: Susan Bitter Smith, Commissioner
Arizona Corporation Commission
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Phoenix, Arizona 85007

From: Robert Carr
4065 N. GOLF DRIVE
BUCKEYE, AZ 85396

Subject: ACC dockets: SW-01303A-09-0343
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August 25, 2014

To: Bob Burns – Rburns-web@azcc.gov
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From:

Re: Docket No. W-01303A-09-0343; SW-01303A-09-0343, Wastewater Rate
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Comments: NO DEEP POCKETS

Signature: Roxie Geese

Printed Signature: ROXIE GESE

Zip Code: 85351

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August 25, 2014

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Signature: *Robert Geese*

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cc: MAILMASTER @ AZ CC. GOV

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From: Pamela L Deja
4548 N Regent St
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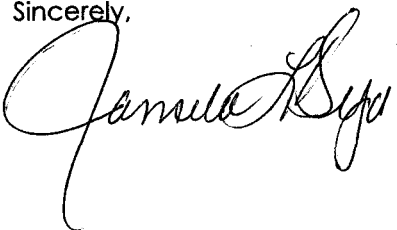
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Subject: ACC dockets: SW-01303A-09-0343
W-01303A-09-0343

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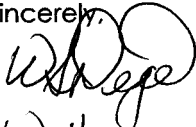
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Sincerely,


William S. Deja

Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W Washington Street - 2nd Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85007
September xx, 2014

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Subject: **Docket Nos. W-01303A-09-0343; SW-01303A-0-0343**

Wastewater Rate Design Examination

We support FULL consolidation of all EPCOR Wastewater Districts

We are residents of Corte Bella, a community served by EPCOR Water Company. Corte Bella is currently consolidated into the Agua Fria Water/Wastewater District. The Agua Fria District is experiencing water/wastewater rates among the highest in the nation. It is our understanding that EPCOR Water Company has proposed full consolidation before the Arizona Corporation Commission as a means to remedy these exorbitant, discriminatory rates.

Since full consolidation, as proposed by EPCOR, would restore fair, just and reasonable rates to all, we would like to go on the record as totally supporting FULL consolidation of all of EPCOR's wastewater districts.

Signature(s)

John J. Bail, Jr.
Joan E. Bail

Printed Name(s)

John J. Bail, Jr.

Joan E. Bail

Street Address

22408 N. Padaro Dr.
Sun City West, AZ

Zip Code

85375

To: Bob Burns
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Subject: Docket # W-01303A-09-0343; SW-01303A-0-0343
 Waste Water Rate Design Examination

Commissioners:

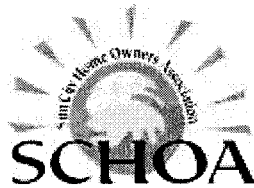
I am a Resident of Sun City and a Registered Voter in Arizona. As a Homeowner, I am opposed to full consolidation of ALL EPCOR water wastes districts. I have attended several meetings in Sun City regarding this subject. I learned through RUCO that the information regarding the possible increase in Rates was based on information on a Rate schedule from 2008. A proposal Rate based on these old statistics cannot be accurately determined. More current figures are needed.

Secondly, the cost of providing Wastewater services were provided & included in the price of the Sun City Homes at the time they were built. Residents here should not have to pay for the newer subdivisions being built in the recent years. Consolidation would put undue hardships on us.

Thirdly, most of the Sun City Residents are on fixed incomes and are trying to make ends meet. Some of us have to get assistance from Food Banks. My income is stretched as far as it can go. EPCOR is also thinking of raising the water payments as well. Sun City should not be combined with other districts like Aqua Fria, Anthem & Mohave Counties. This would cause Residents in Sun City an 89% increase.

Please make my letter as part of the packet as you act wisely regarding the above concerns.

Chare M. Kinchler, 9125 W Long Hills Dr. Sun City, AZ. 85351
 Chare M. Kinchler.



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Since 1963

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September 17, 2014

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Subject: **Docket No. W-01303A-09-0343; SW-01303A-0-0343,
Wastewater Rate Design Examination**

(☒) I am opposed to full consolidation of all EPCOR wastewater districts.
(☐) I am not opposed to full consolidation of all EPCOR wastewater districts.

Comments: _____

Signature: Clare M. Kinchler
Printed Name: CLARE M. KINCHLER

Zip Code: 85351

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JACQUELINE L. MINDLING

14131 W. Circle Ridge Dr.

Sun City West, AZ 85375

623-433-8121

September 29, 2014

**Susan Bitter Smith, Commissioner
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007**

Subject: Docket Nos-01303A-9-0343 and SW-01303A-09-0343

Dear Ms. Smith:

Sun City and Sun City West homes are inhabited by people 55 and older per restrictions. Homes are occupied by 1 to 2 people, and approximately 40 to 50 percent of the homes are vacant as snow bird move north for the summer months.

The Mohave, Agua Fria and Anthem areas are predominantly family communities, and the homes are occupied 12 months of the year.

It seems unfair for low usage households with minimal wastewater to bear the equal burden to pay for family households who have a higher level of wastewater.

Many full time residents in the Sun City and Sun City West communities are on limited incomes because some never envisioned living into their late 80s or 90s. Debt has reached an all time high as seniors are faced with meeting their needs with less income due to loss of investments from the recession. Most do not have the option of finding a part time job to supplement their income.

Please do not place more financial burden on those who can ill afford it, and will be forced to do without necessities in order to pay the increases proposed for the unification of the water districts.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline L. Mindling

LYLE D. ROTH
16430 N. Desert Holly Dr.
Sun City, AZ 85351

Ms. Susan Bitter-Smith
Arizona Corporate Commission
Commissioners Wing
200 W. Washington -Second Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85007

**RE: Docket No. W-01303A09-0343; SW013003A-0-0343,
Waste Water Rate Design Examinations**

Dear Ms. Susan Bitter Smith

I am completely opposed to the full consolidation of all EPCOR wastewater districts.

When The Del Webb Corporation developed Sun City they paid for the entire infrastructure costs. No expenses were paid by the Water Company at that time. Therefore, it seems inappropriate that Sun City is asked to participate on an equal basis with the other districts involved.

I understand the current Waste Water Rate Design Examinations are based on 2008 figures. That seems inappropriate since EPCOR did not have ownership at that time. Rate Design calculations should be based on data since their ownership.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lyle D Roth

September 17, 2014

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Subject: **Docket No. W-01303A-09-0343; SW-01303A-0-0343,
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(X) I am opposed to full consolidation of all EPCOR wastewater districts.
() I am not opposed to full consolidation of all EPCOR wastewater districts.

Comments: Any change in rates requires full cost
of service rate case.

Signature: _____
Printed Name: _____

Kathryn Molda
KATHRYN MOLDA

Zip Code: 85351

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September 27, 2014

Susan Bitter-Smith, Commissioner
Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing - 2nd Floor
1200 W Washington Street
Phoenix AZ 85007-2927

RE: Docket numbers SW-01303A-09-0343 EPCOR wastewater consolidation case and
EPCOR WS-01303A-14-0010 water rate case

Dear Ms. Bitter-Smith,

We are strongly opposed to consolidation of the EPCOR wastewater districts and the proposed water rate increases.

Consolidation would give EPCOR a blank check to buy up other water companies and pass the cost onto their customer base. EPCOR reportedly plans to spend \$9.3 million in improvements to Sun City's wastewater operations in the next 5 years; however, if we are consolidated, Sun City residents will pay \$31.8 million for those improvements over the next 5 years.

We understand EPCOR Water is seeking not only rate increases in water and wastewater as is easily visible and reported, but they are also seeking significant Adjuster Mechanisms and a System Improvement Benefits ("SIB") mechanism that will more than double the rate increases proposed over the next 5 years in the water case.

Furthermore -

1. SIB rewards utility companies for not doing proper maintenance or making necessary improvements;
2. SIB is too broad as it applies to 55% of EPCOR Water's total investment; and,
3. It does not meaningfully consider reductions in operating costs, synergies as a result of the new infrastructure and other safeguards meant to protect customers. Our consumer advocate, RUCO, has sued the Commission claiming the SIB is unconstitutional. Although some scare tactics have been used in the past, the fact is that EPCOR Water is required by law to provide safe and sufficient water to residents.

In short, we cannot and should not be required to subsidize other districts for poor planning and poor decisions.

Thank you for your consideration and a vote to deny consolidation of the EPCOR districts and their requested water rate increase.

Sincerely,



Dan R. Allen and Sharla Mills
10917 W Willowbrook Dr
Sun City, AZ 85373



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Subject: **Docket No. W-01303A-09-0343; SW-01303A-0-0343,
Wastewater Rate Design Examination**

☒ I am opposed to full consolidation of all EPCOR wastewater districts.
☐ I am not opposed to full consolidation of all EPCOR wastewater districts.

Comments: SW - 01303A-09-0343 - Wastewater
WS - 01303A-14-0010 Water

Signature: Lois D. Frederick
Printed Name: Lois D. FREDERICK

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August 25, 2014

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From: *MERLER D GATTO*

Re: **Docket No. W-01303A-09-0343; SW-01303A-09-0343, Wastewater Rate
Design Examination**

(✓) I am opposed to full consolidation of all EPCOR wastewater districts.

() I am not opposed to full consolidation of all EPCOR wastewater districts.

Comments: _____

Signature: *Merker D Gatto*

Printed Signature: *MERKER D GATTO*

Zip Code: *85351*

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10414 W. EDGEWOOD DRIVE
SUN CITY, AZ 85351

September 29, 2014

Ms. Susan Bitter Smith
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W. Washington Street
2nd Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Ms. Smith:

**DOCKET NUMBERS SW-01303A-09-0343 AND
WS-01303A-14-0010**

The above-referenced dockets, if granted by the Corporation Commission, would be **totally unfair and unjust in addition to creating a financial hardship on the citizens of Sun City and Sun City West.**

It would be like giving Epcor a blank check without any requirement for them to do some cost cutting. I say upper managements' salaries should be looked at and if Epcor really needs help financially, the top level executives should be willing to perhaps take a cut in salary and definitely have a freeze on executive level salary increases. Most organizations do work on cutting expenses when there is a financial need.

The various areas should NOT be combined—that is unfair. The retirees (**living on fixed incomes**) would have an exorbitant increase of 90% to help defray the water expense **of the working communities** involved.

When the homes in the retirement communities were built, the infrastructure expense was included in the homes' price. The newer areas did not do this—why should the retirement communities (living on fixed incomes) have to foot this bill?

Epcor is looking to expand and wants to consolidate and put the expenses on its existing customer base by consolidating. **This is very unfair.** The retirement communities of Sun City and Sun City West do NOT merit this and you should vote AGAINST CONSOLIDATION and ALSO AGAINST APPROVING ALL THE REQUESTED RAISES **ESPECIALLY AGAINST THE SIB AS STATED** (THE WORDING IS LIKE GIVING EPCOR A BLANK CHECK).

Thank you for your help in stopping this unjust action against Sun City and Sun City West.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Pongracz". The signature is fluid and written in dark ink.

Mary Pongracz

Linda M. Campbell
14958 W Buttonwood Dr.
Sun City West, AZ 85375
linda351@gmail.com

Susan Bitter Smith
Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing
1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

October 10, 2014

Commissioner Smith,

I am writing to you because I am very concerned about EPCOR's proposed plan to consolidate five water districts, including Sun City West.

I believe that this plan would be discriminatory not only to Sun City West but also Sun City. It would obviously require the two largest retirement communities to completely subsidize reduced rates to the other 30% of the customers. That would put a significant financial burden on a group of senior citizen's, many of whom, live on a very limited fixed income.

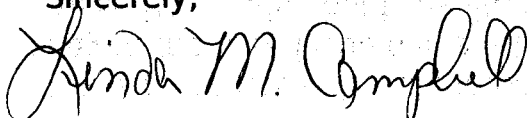
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This consolidation, also, wouldn't be limited to base rate cost sharing, it would require customers of all the consolidated districts to share in the costs of future capital projects. Sun City West has a smaller capital project on the horizon than some of the other districts. If the proposed consolidation becomes a reality, they would be obligated to pay a significantly larger amount than if they continue taking care of the whole cost of their own capital projects as they have done in the past.

As I understand it, this consolidation plan evolved from a few thousand Corte Bella customers being concerned about their high base rates. EPCOR has used this as a chance to propose consolidation. While it would probably be administratively easier for EPCOR to have all these districts consolidated, I sincerely don't think it's a fair or well thought-out solution to the high rate issue that was created in Corte Bella when the Anthem district was originally split.

One of my other concerns is that this 'consolidation' move by EPCOR, if approved, would open the door even further to other consolidation proposals that will include Sun City West subsidizing other districts.

Sincerely,



Linda Campbell
linda351@gmail.com

Sun City Condominium Association (SCCOA) opposed consolidation in EPCOR's Wastewater Rate Case – Docket No. W-01303A-09-0343 & SW-01303A-09-0343.

The Sun City Condominium Association Board of Directors, representing 386 condo associations with more than 16,000 unit owners, strongly opposes the full consolidation of all EPCOR water districts! EPCOR figures state that each Sun City waste water user would experience an 89% rate increase if full district consolidation was approved by the Arizona Corporation Commission. The present cost of wastewater per user in Sun City is \$18.11. With full consolidation the cost *PER UNIT* will increase to over \$34.00 per unit owner!

EPCOR noted in their Arizona Corporation Commission response that they have projected additional capital improvement costs for the Sun City District of \$9.3 million over the next five years. If a full consolidation were to take place, Sun City users would be required to pay an additional \$22.5 million over the noted five year period. This equates to subsidizing other district costs in the amount of \$13.2 million. We *cannot and should not* be required to subsidize other districts for poor planning and choices.

From a Sun City perspective, we agree with previous Arizona Corporation Commission determinations that it would not be in the public's best interest to implement a full EPCOR system consolidation.

Over time the cost causers were expanded due to the dramatic expansion of the NW valley. Sun City was built out in the mid-eighties while other independent communities and municipalities continued their development growth.

A number of communities were developed without a viable long-term plan resulting in overburdening future owners with exorbitantly high rate structures.

To now demand that the Sun City Retirement Community bail out these other areas for poor choices is unreasonable. If it wasn't in the public's best interest to fully consolidate two years ago, it certainly isn't prudent today.

We urge the Arizona Corporation Commission to remove such a move from their consideration.

*Please, we need your help.
If this goes through our COA is going to have to raise our
Monthly Fees to \$250.00, a \$66.00 increase. I live on \$836.00
per month and will not be able to make it, will have to
take it from my food budget and that means less food!*

*Please, consider this, Most of my neighbors are in the same
situation, Thank you,*

Respectfully,

Lillian R. Dumont

PATRICK F. QUINN

10818 Fairway Court West
Sun City, Arizona 85351
(623) 974-4889

Arizona Corporation Committee
1200 W. Washington Street, second floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: EPCOR

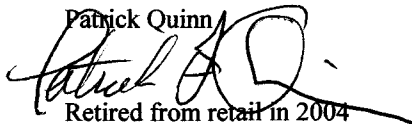
Commissioner,

I would like you to consider the economic strain the consolidation of the wastewater systems would place on the fixed income seniors of Sun City. Some of our residents have been retired for a number of years and have a basic income from Social Security that they invested in during their working years. Some of our seniors cannot afford both food and medicine and must make a choice, not all here are like that but it happens more often than you may think,

I live in a condominium community that has several residents that live on a very fixed income and in recent years we have seen several foreclosures and it is real sad. A rate increase of \$16.19 per month is unfair and will strap them financially. We did not cause the problem the other districts have if they have a problem with the amount they pay for sewer or water they should address it with builder who did not secure his right to enough water for the community he built.

One last time please do not allow Epcor to make the senior citizens of Sun City pay for the errors of others. This is so unfair it is Ungodly.

Patrick Quinn



Retired from retail in 2004

:CC Stump, Burns, Bitter-Smith, Burns R, and Pierce

August 25, 2014

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Re: Docket No. W-01303A-09-0343; SW-01303A-09-0343, Wastewater Rate
Design Examination

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^{STRONGLY}
I am opposed to full consolidation of all EPCOR wastewater districts.
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I am not opposed to full consolidation of all EPCOR wastewater districts.

Comments: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Signature: _____

Zip Code: _____

85351

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10506 W. Signal Butte
Sun City, Az
October 10, 2014

Susan Bitter Smith
Commissioner
Arizona Corporation Commission

Dear Commissioner,

We are opposed to the proposal
from EPCOR Water for consolidation
and ask for your vote to be NO.

Thank you,
Cheryl Clopton
WC Clopton

October 23, 2014

Commissioners Wing

1200 W. Washington, Second Floor

Phoenix, AZ 85007

Commissioner Susan Bitter-Smith:

I would like to say I am opposed to this waste water consolidation of these five districts. As an entire community of people with fixed incomes, it would put a hardship on most of us. Please vote NO and do not raise our sewer bills by 89%!

Thank You,

Cindy Grace

10573 W. Coggins Drive, Sun City, AZ 85351

November 1, 2014

Dear Commissioner Bitter Smith,

I writing to request you reject EPCOR Water's request to consolidate water and sewer rates for the communities of Sun City, Sun City West, Aqua Fria, Anthem, and Mohave. This consolidation discriminates against the communities of Sun City (SC) and Sun City West (SCW) by subsidizing the rates and expansion cost of the Aqua Fria, Anthem and Mohave.

Listed below are the points that I believe discriminate against Sun City and Sun City West.

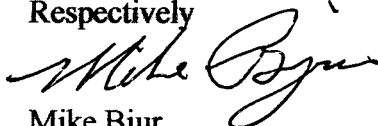
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2. SC and SCW are retirement communities and as such many property (outlet users) are on fixed income and the consolidation would increase water and sewer rates by 11-88% and in addition require further increases to cover system expansion in Aqua Fria, Anthem and Mohave. Again, this is discriminatory against senior citizens to the advantage of new communities for all ages.
3. This proposal would end for SC and SCW cost of service that was built into the cost of operation of the water and sewer systems in our communities.
4. This consolidation would have SC and SCW the two largest communities affected subsidize current rates in Anthem, Aqua Fria and Anthem by nearly 100%.

The data used to put together this proposal by EPCOR is 8 years old not accurately reflecting current cost and user bases.

As you are well aware in most areas of Arizona and in most other states the developer pays for the cost of water and sewer infrastructure and build costs into property costs. What is the rationale for requesting that two communities made up of senior citizens be asked to subsidize the water and sewer rates and infrastructure costs of other communities??

In closing I would urge you to REJECT EPCOR's request for consolidation of water systems in Sun City, Sun City West, Anthem, Aqua Fria and Mohave.

Respectively



Mike Bjur
13904 W. Parada Dr.
Sun City West, Az. 85375

Support the Full Consolidation of EPCOR Wastewater Districts

Water Action Committee

To: Susan Bitter Smith, Commissioner
Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing
1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

From: *Herbert & Pamela Haack*
30367 W. Crescent Drive
Buckeye, AZ 85396

Subject: ACC dockets: SW-01303A-09-0343
W-01303A-09-0343

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Sincerely,

Pamela L. Haack
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September 16, 2014

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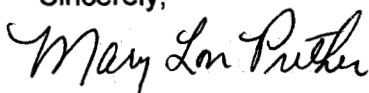
Att: For all those on this Commission
RE: Docket Numbers SW-91303A-09; WS-01303A-14-0010

This letter is written to inform you all that I have paid for and continue to pay for the maintenance of our infrastructure, and find it unfair that we are asked to pick up the tab for infrastructures outside our community. This should never be considered a viable option.

I moved to Sun City eighteen years (18) years ago because the area where I had resided for a number of years had caused my monthly expenses to be more than my house payment.

I request that you rethink this situation.

Sincerely,



Mary Lou Prether
14827 N Bolivar Drive
Sun City, AZ 85351

September 18, 2014

Ms. Susan Bitter-Smith

Arizona Corporate Commission

Subject: Docket No. W- 01303A-09-0343; SW-01303A-0-0343

Wastewater Rate Design Examination

Dear Ms. Bitter-Smith,

My wife and I are registered voters and full time residents of Sun City Arizona.

We are both opposed to the full consolidation of all EPCOR wastewater districts.

We want EPCOR to maintain OUR water and wastewater systems and are willing to pay for that service and provide EPCOR with a fair and reasonable profit. We have no desire to be combined with other segments of EPCOR's water delivery business. Sun City is a 55 year senior citizen overlay community of modestly priced homes (recent resale's averaging approximately \$100,000) and for the most part fixed income families. Many residents consist of single widows or widowers. We cannot afford helping pay for the development of new and more expensive housing developments.

Please vote against this proposed consolidation.



Raymond K. Fold



Wilma J. Fold

Zip Code 85351

August 25, 2014

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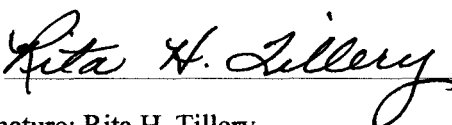
Re: Docket No. W-01303A-09-0343; SW-01303A-09-0343, Wastewater Rate
Design Examination

(XXX) I am opposed to full consolidation of all EPCOR wastewater districts.

() I am not opposed to full consolidation of all EPCOR wastewater districts.

Comments: I oppose both Docket Numbers listed above. Please consider the residents of Sun City and do not allow Full Consolidation, Demand EPCOR file a new rate case to insure proper analysis of cost savings, future company plans for expansion and acquisitions, rate design and revenue requirement so an informed decision can be made.

Thank you for your consideration.

Signature: 
Printed Signature: Rita H. Tillery _____
Zip Code: 85351 _____

September 23, 2014

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Commissioners Wing
1200 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Attn: Susan Bitter-Smith

Re: Docket No. W-01303A-09-0343; SW-01303A-09-0343, Wastewater Rate Design Examination

Dear Commissioner,

I am opposed to any consolidation of any of EPCOR'S wastewaters districts with Sun City.

When we purchased our retirement home in Sun City we investigated the cost of living here to see if we could afford retirement. All the streets, sewer and water systems were in and paid for when Del Webb built a community. It seems totally unfair to be expected for us to assume the cost of EPCOR's expansion.

Please protect those of us who have already paid for our communities infrastructure and deny this consolidation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cherie L. Toon". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and address.

Cherie L. Toon
13412 N. 107th Drive
Sun City, AZ 85351

Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing
1200 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Attn: Susan Bitter-Smith

Re: Docket No. W-01303A-09-0343; SW-01303A-09-0343, Wastewater Rate Design Examination

Dear Commissioner,


I am opposed to full consolidation of all EPCOR wastewater districts.

I have lived in the valley for over seventy years and have owned several businesses in that time. As a business owner if you want to expand your business you do your due diligence to see if you can afford the expansion. You do not ask your customers to assist you in your new purchase or bill them for the cost of the new equipment that may be required.

EPCOR has contracted to furnish water and sewer to new developments or existing ones and it is their responsibility to fulfill the commitments they have made.

Your commission was established to protect the consumer not to aid those who did not do their due diligence. You have come to our aid before, please do again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles W Toon".

Charles W. Toon
13412 N. 107th Drive
Sun City, AZ 85351



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Wastewater Rate Design Examination**

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Comments: _____

Signature: *Darla Atkins*
Printed Name: Darla Atkins

Zip Code: 85351

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Comments: A current rate case should be
done before the consolidation should
even be considered. Using 2008 rate case
is stale, EPCOR did not pass over the
company at that time. Each district is different,
and this should be considered.

Signature: Mildred Fay Knowles
Printed Name: MILDRED FAY KNOWLES

Zip Code: 85351

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Comments: research each district to know where sim-
ilarities are. Don't lump us all together.

Signature: Dolores L. Krull
Printed Name: Dolores L. Krull

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August 25, 2014

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Comments: Our Community (Sun City West)
should not have to subsidize
other areas with higher water
usage. It is not our fault
they did not know what they were
getting into.

Signature: Charlene Kozlowski
Printed Signature: CHARLENE KOZLOWSKI

Zip Code: 85375

P.S.: Our income doesn't go up.
AND — I am a widow whose
income was cut when
my husband died.

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August 25, 2014

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Comments: _____

Signature: Carol Yearsley

Printed Signature: Carol Yearsley

Zip Code: 85373

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September 17, 2014

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Comments: Any charge in rates requires full cost
of service rate case.

Signature: *Patricia A. Bentmeester Jerry Bentmeester*
Printed Name: Pat & Jerry Bentmeester

Zip Code: 85351

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Signature: Bernie W. Lubinski - Jerome Lubinski
Printed Name: _____

Zip Code: 85351

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9621 W. Briarwood Circle N.

Sun City, Arizona 85351

Ms. Susan Bitter-Smith

The Arizona Corporation Commission

1200 W. Washington St.

Phoenix, AZ 85007

Reference: DOCKET NO. W-01303A-09-0343; SW-0303A-0-0343; Additional Docket for Reference: WS-01303A14-0010;

Wastewater Rate Design Examination

To Whom It May Concern:

As residents of Sun City, Arizona, we respectfully request that you do not allow full consolidation of all of the EPCOR wastewater districts. This would be a hardship of residents in our unincorporated community. Based on the figures supplied by EPCOR, each Sun City wastewater user would experience approximately a 90% rate increase over time, if full district consolidation was approved by the Commission.

EPCOR noted in their ACC response that they have projected additional capital improvement costs for the Sun City District of \$9.3 million over the next five years. If full consolidation were to take place, Sun City users would be required to pay an additional \$22.5million over the above mentioned five year period. This equates to subsidizing other district costs in the amount of \$13.2million.

When you consider that offsites, which include water, electric, wastewater (sewer) and natural gas, are installed and paid for when all properties, both commercial and residential are developed and sold, these costs are very excessive and should not be passed on to locations that have been in existence for decades and only require updating of the infrastructure and not full development of offsites as in Mohave County where many, many residents have hauled water and septic tanks, Golden Valley being an example. The additional costs of poor planning errors on the parts of more recent commercial/residential growth should not be absorbed by long existing communities, who cannot afford the large increase in monthly services provided by these large corporations who continually are before your Commission asking for and getting increases.

These corporations should be less mindful of their profit base being lessened, and more mindful of the services they are supplying to the residents they serve. Many, many residents of Sun City are on fixed incomes and even a \$5 per month increase for them means going without needed food or medications

to survive. We, as consumers, continue to see our incomes (let's call them our profits) dwindle as our utilities (APS, EPCOR, COX) continue to raise their rates, as the ACC allows. This does not take into consideration the increases we sustain in increased food and gas costs as well as other needed goods. Are these corporations net profits even checked prior to allowing such increases? Just asking.

When these increases are indiscriminately given, not only does the increase affect each resident but it also affects each business, including the Recreation Centers and golf courses within our community, who also have to increase their fee's to accommodate that increase. So it's a double hit for our residents here.

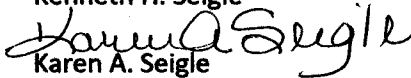
We are respectfully asking that a vote to deny full consideration of the consolidation be denied to EPCOR Wastewater District.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cordially,



Kenneth H. Seigle



Karen A. Seigle

18221 N. Willowbrook Drive
Sun City, Arizona 85373

September 22, 2014

Susan Bitter Smith
Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing
1200 W. Washington – 2nd Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

SUBJECT: Docket No. W-01303A-09-0343; SW-01303A-0-0343,
Wastewater Rate Design Examination.

Dear Ms Bitter Smith,

As are most of the approximately 40,000 residents in our senior community of Sun City, we are on limited fixed income. Increases in services and utilities easily strain the budgets of many of us in our community.

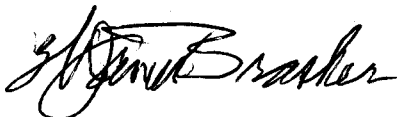
We strongly oppose full consolidation of all EPCOR water and wastewater districts.

A few months ago EPCOR presented to the citizens of Sun City a reasonable plan to increase our rates of both water and wastewater which would cover only the needs of Sun City and promised us we would not be burdened with increases which might be needed by other communities. We had no objection to such a plan.

Now we are being told we face the possibility of much greater increases in our EPCOR rates because of expenses they expect to occur in several other service areas.

We strongly request the Arizona Corporation Commission to reject attempts at consolidation of all EPCOR wastewater districts.

Sincerely,



W JAMES BRASHER



LLOYDENE B. JOHNSON

September 17, 2014

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Comments: Any charge in rates requires full cost
of service rate case.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Zip Code: _____

Dr Robert McDonough
14210 N Boswell Blvd
Sun City AZ 85351-2946

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Comments: *When we retired we searched for the most affordable, enjoyable place we could find. Sun City provided that, and water costs were a part of that calculation. A big increase in costs would be a hardship, especially as it seems retirees are living longer than ever.*

Signature: *Jean E. Roth*
Printed Name: Jean E. Roth

Zip Code: 85351

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Frank Joanne Miller

From: Frank & Joanne Miller [millerfj@cox.net]
Sent: Saturday, September 20, 2014 1:06 PM
To: 'sbittersmith@azcc.gov'
Cc: 'maillmaster@azcc.gov'
Subject: Epcor Water and Waste Water Cases

Please add our names to those vehemently objecting to the inclusion of Sun City in the Epcor Waster Water Case Docket SW-01303A-09-0343 and Water Case Docket WS-01303A-14-0010.

We have been full time residents of Sun City since 1993 and it has been our experience that Sun City residents are able to take care of our needs. Please don't add other communities and their infrastructures to our responsibilities.

Frank & Joanne Miller

Sept 15, 2014

Dear Mr. Butler Smith

Please do not vote
for consolidation of 5 water
districts Residents of Sun City Okla
feel it is not in our best interests

Thank you

B. J. Lawrence G.D.



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Comments: MOST OF US ARE ON FIXED INCOMES OR
JUST S.S.
CAN'T AFFORD ANY HIGHER SEWER
OR WATER RATES!

Signature: Shirley Gutowski & husband Bernard
Printed Name: SHIRLEY GUTOWSKI

Zip Code: 85351 SUN CITY

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August 25, 2014

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From:

Re: **Docket No. W-01303A-09-0343; SW-01303A-09-0343, Wastewater Rate
Design Examination**

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Comments: _____

Signature: *Dale Stinson*

Printed Signature: DALE STINSON

Zip Code: 85351

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August 25, 2014

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Re: **Docket No. W-01303A-09-0343; SW-01303A-09-0343, Wastewater Rate
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☐

I am not opposed to full consolidation of all EPCOR wastewater districts.

Comments: _____

Signature: Margaret Stinson

Printed Signature: MARGARET STINSON

Zip Code: 85351

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September 18, 2014

Mrs. Susan Bitter-Smith
Arizona Corporation Commission
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1200 W. Washington – 2nd Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Subject: Docket No. W-01303A-09-0343; SW-01303A-0-0343, Wastewater Rate Design Examination

Dear Mrs. Susan Bitter-Smith:

I am opposed to full consolidation of all EPCOR wastewater districts. The people of Sun City and Sun City West had already defeated the same measure which American Water tried to pass a few years ago. We still do not want it! We should not be charged additionally for wastewater as per amount of gallons of water used (as per our water bill). Not all water used is wastewater as much of it is from sprinkler systems, therefore, that water goes back into the soil. When Del Webb built Sun City and Sun City West, the water wells (i.e. water) were already paid for by adding it in the price of the house. And your rate increases are not the percentage that you state but are increases of up to 44%, doubling the price within 5 years.

Full consolidation is nothing more than a ploy to increase rates infinitum. My vote is no!

Sincerely,



Mary Holm

Sun City West Resident

September 17, 2014

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X Susan Bitter-Smith – BitterSmith-web@azcc.gov
Gary Pierce – Pierce-web@azcc.gov
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Wastewater Rate Design Examination

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() I am not opposed to full consolidation of all EPCOR wastewater districts.

Comments: Why should I pay for waste water treatment
or water bills for others?
We moved to SCW because of the
lower cost of living.

Signature: Mrs D.D. McNeil
Printed Name: D. D. McNeil

Zip Code: 85375 SCW

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Sept. 19, 2014

Dear Ms Butter-Smuck,

I am writing in regards to the full consolidation of all EPCOR wastewater districts of which I am opposed to.

I am one of many Sun City residents that lives on a fixed income. I had saved for retirement, but my savings account is paying about $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 % and I'll probably not live my savings. There are many residents in Sun City in the same boat. So I ask you to please consider this when it comes time to vote.

Sincerely Yours JAMES E. OBERLY

PH. 623-876-9395 10455 W. BROOKSIDE DR.
SUN CITY, AZ
85351



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Comments: Most Residents in Sun City, AZ ARE
on limit income from Social Security

Signature: Tommy K. Hicks
Printed Name: Tommy K. Hicks

Zip Code: 85373

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Susan Bittes Smith

Sun City Condominium Association (**SCCOA**) opposes consolidation in EPCOR's Wastewater Rate Case – Docket No. W-01303A-09-0343 & SW-01303A-09-0343.

In July, 2014, the Arizona Corporation Commission ordered EPCOR to provide information relating to the rate impacts of consolidation or deconsolidation of the company's wastewater districts.

On August 8, 2014, the company made that filing. A decision in this matter will impact the rates of every wastewater customer of the company, either as an increase or decrease.

With many of Sun City's COA's having their EPCOR bills paid through management companies, the actual customer may not have been notified or is unaware of the consequences of consolidation.

Reviewing EPCOR's report, SCCOA urges the Commission NOT to allow full consolidation of all the EPCOR wastewater districts.

From a Sun City Condominium Association viewpoint, we feel it would not be in the public's best interest to implement a full district consolidation.))

Currently, the company's rates are unique for each of its Arizona wastewater districts and the existing rates reflect the different costs to serve each geographic area. Alternatively, rate consolidation is the process of combining two or more districts for the purpose of averaging the different rates into a single rate for comparable customers.

Based on full consolidation, the Sun City District will incur an
89% INCREASE!

This is unacceptable!

Linda Korhonen

outrageously high!

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Susan Bitter Smith
Commissioner

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Resident of Sun City West



Josephine M. Taschler
14210 W. Sable Ct.
Sun City West, AZ 85375

Against wastewater consolidation

Sept 8, 2014

Susan Biter Smith, Commissioner
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W. Washington – 2nd Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Susan;

We purchased our first home in Sun City West in 1992 and present one in 2005. We moved here full time in 2001.

We object to the consolidation of the Waste water districts proposed by Epcor.

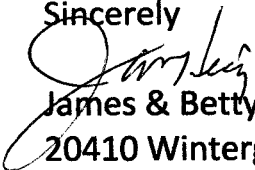
As Sun City and Sun City West are retirement communities we believe we should not need to help pay for expansion areas. We feel we can update our facilities as needed, without the consolidation.

We selected Sun City West because of their amenities, utility costs and beautiful area to retire in.

We also don't feel consolidation would benefit us if the 3600 acre proposal goes thru with Epcor to build a new sewer treatment plant to service this new area and we would be expected to support it vs the developer or builder being required to include this in their cost of improvement.

We strongly encourage you to vote against consolidation so we don't have to bear cost burdens over which we have no control or benefit.

Sincerely



James & Betty Heig

20410 Wintergreen Dr
Sun City West, AZ 85375
jheig@cox.net

September 8, 2014

To: **Susan Bitter Smith**
Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing
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Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: **Wastewater Rate Redesign; Consolidation / De-Consolidation**
Docket No. **W-01303A-09-0343;**
SW-0303A-0-0343

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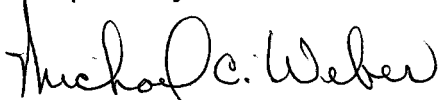
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Since the residents of Sun City are mostly retired and on limited incomes, these increases are way beyond a modest amount and will create huge hardships in most cases.

As a resident of Sun City, **I am opposed to full consolidation of the EPCOR wastewater districts** which will result in subsidizing other communities expenses and improvements, especially when they are still actively working and most likely have higher incomes.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael C. Weber
10531 W. Kingswood Circle
Sun City, AZ 85351

To: Bob Burns
Susan Bitter Smith
Gary Pierce
Bob Stump
Brenda Burns

From: Sun City Resident

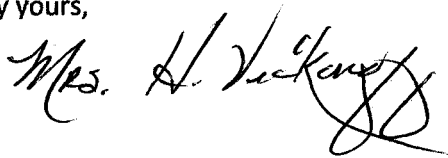
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Respectfully yours,

Handwritten signature of Mrs. H. Vickers in cursive script.

August 25, 2014

To: Bob Burns – Rburns-web@azcc.gov
Susan Bitter-Smith – BitterSmith-web@azcc.gov
Gary Pierce – Pierce-web@azcc.gov
Bob Stump – Stump-web@azcc.gov
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Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing
1200 W Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

From:

Re: **Docket No. W-01303A-09-0343; SW-0303A-0-0343, Wastewater Rate Design Examination**

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I am opposed to full consolidation of all EPCOR wastewater districts.

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I am not opposed to full consolidation of all EPCOR wastewater districts.

Comments: _____

Signature: RCN

Printed Signature: ROBERT CARL NELSON

Zip Code: 85373

8/25/14

August 25, 2014

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~~Susan Bitter-Smith~~ – BitterSmith-web@azcc.gov
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Comments: _____

Signature: Teresa C. Brady

Printed Signature: Teresa C. Brady

Zip Code: 85373

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Comments:

Dear Susan Bitter-Smith
Please don't let this happen.

Signature:

Shirley Campau

Printed Signature:

Shirley Campau

Zip Code:

85351

8/25/14

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Comments:

Not Practical for seniors income.

Signature: Harold R. Comtau

Printed Signature: HAROLD R. COMTAU

Zip Code: 85351

8/25/14

August 26, 2014

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Susan Bitter-Smith – BitterSmith-web@azcc.gov
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From: Larry McWain

Subject: **Docket No. W-01303A-09-0343; SW-0303A-0-0343,
Wastewater Rate Design Examination**

(X) I am opposed to full consolidation of all EPCOR wastewater districts.

() I am not opposed to full consolidation of all EPCOR wastewater districts.

Comments: __Sun City residents should not have to support wealthy homeowners in Sun City Grand and Corta Bella. Really, that is so unfair, an 89% increase for Sun City, the poorest retirement community. Epcor's proposal is ridiculous!

We are very much opposed to the consolidation!

Signature: 

Printed Signature: __Larry McWain__

Zip Code: __85373__

August 26, 2014

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Comments: _____

Signature: James E. Binkley

Printed Signature: James E. Binkley

Zip Code: 85373

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From: (Your Name) *Sandra L. Binkley*

Subject: **Docket No. W-01303A-09-0343; SW-0303A-0-0343,
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Comments: _____

Signature: *Sandra L. Binkley*

Printed Signature: *Sandra L. Binkley*

Zip Code: 85373

Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing
1200 W Washington Street, 2nd Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85007

8/25/14

September 2, 2014

To: Ms. Susan Bitter Smith
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, A 85007

From: Jean M. Adams, Sun City Resident


Re: **DOCKET NO. W-01303A-09-0343; SW-0303A-0-0343,**
Wastewater Rate Design Examination

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Respectfully yours,


Jean M. Adams

To: Susan Bitter Smith
Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing
1200 W Washington St, 2nd Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85007

From: Andy Vincent
10420 W Cinnebar Ave
Sun City, AZ 85351

Re: **DOCKET NO. W-01303A-09-0343; SW-0303A-0-0343,**

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Respectfully yours,

Andy Vincent

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Charles Manes
10845 West Acacia Dr.
Sun City, AZ 86314

August 28, 2014

Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing
1200 W. Washington Street, 2nd Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: **DOCKET NO. W-01303A-09-0343; SW-0303A-0-0343,**

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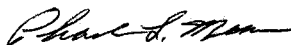
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I am a retired disabled veteran living on a fix income. This raise would hurt a lot of our Sun City residences especially our widows. In fact, it would be devastating.

Thank you for your consideration regarding a vote to deny full consolidation of the EPCOR wastewater districts would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Charles L. Manes

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Respectfully yours, *Wanda & Terry Boudley*

August 26, 2014

To: Bob Burns – Rburns-web@azcc.gov
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Gary Pierce – Pierce-web@azcc.gov
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From: (Your Name) WAYNE H. STOLPA SR

Subject: **Docket No. W-01303A-09-0343; SW-0303A-0-0343,
Wastewater Rate Design Examination**

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Comments: SUN CITY IS A PLACE FOR RETIRED + PEOPLE
ON A FIXED INCOME. HOW IN GODS NAME CAN
YOU RAISE IT 89% ON THESE PEOPLE. WHAT
IN THE HELL ARE YOU THINKING??

Signature: Wayne H. Stolpa Sr.

Printed Signature: WAYNE H. STOLPA SR

Zip Code: 85351

Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing
1200 W Washington Street, 2nd Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85007

8/25/14

Dr Peace Ezeogba-Odoemena

2344 N. Alsap Rd

Buckeye, AZ 85396

Susan Bitter Smith Commissioner

Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing
1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Commissioner Bitter Smith,

RE: CONSOLIDATION REQUEST SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

My name is Dr. Peace Ezeogba-Odoemena a resident of Verrado and one of Verrado community leaders. I have heard from residents and seen the pain in most residents due to the increase in waste water.

We are members of your constituency and urge you to please critically consider Full-consolidation.

Per EPCOR research Full-consolidation will be a Win-Win to all your constituents.

We appreciate you consideration and your time.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'PE' followed by a long horizontal line.

Dr. Peace Ezeogba-Odoemena

To: Susan Bitter Smith
Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing
1200 W Washington Street, 2nd Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

From: Sun City Resident

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Respectfully yours,



Robert M Brandolini

8-26-14

To: Bob Burns
Susan Bitter Smith
Gary Pierce
Bob Stump
Brenda Burns

From: Sun City Resident

Re: DOCKET NO. W2-01303A-09-0343; SW-0303A-0-0343,
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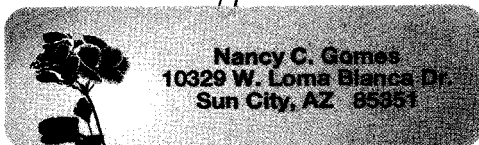
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Respectfully yours,

*Nancy C. Gomes - citizen of the USA !
Regular voter*



To: Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing
1200 W Washington Street, 2nd Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

From: Michael J. Blachut
10262 W. Snead Circle North
Sun City, Arizona 85351

August 24th, 2014

Subject: **DOCKET NO. W-01303A-09-0343; SW-0303A-0-0343,
Wastewater Rate Design Examination**

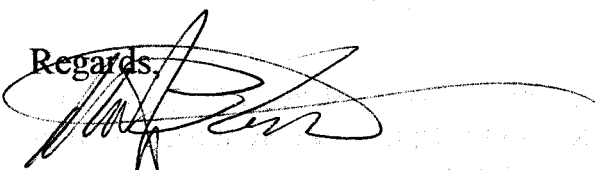
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Regards,



Michael J. Blachut

Retired Engineer

Member of the Sun City PRIDES

To: Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing
1200 W Washington Street, 2nd Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

From: Margaret A. Austin
10201 W. Snead Circle North
Sun City, Arizona 85351

August 26th, 2014

Subject: **DOCKET NO. W-01303A-09-0343; SW-0303A-0-0343,
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Regards,



Margaret A. Austin

Retired in Sun City Arizona for 26 years

Re: Docket #W-01303A-09-0343

SW 0303A-0-0343

Gentlemen:

As a Sun City Resident I am requesting
that you do not allow full consideration
of all the EPCOR wastewater districts

Due to your mis planning why
should we be penalized

Sincerely,

Karen A Tillson

Karen A. Tillson

August 18, 2014

To: Mr. Bob Burns - RBurns-web@azcc.gov
Susan Bitter Smith - BitterSmith-web@azcc.gov
Gary Pierce - Pierce-web@azcc.gov
Bob Stump - Stump-web@azcc.gov
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From: Sun City Resident

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Respectfully yours,

Maretha M. Troxel

TO: Bob Burns
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Respectfully yours,



Donald & Patty Buckingham
18402 N 99th Drive
Sun City, AZ

To: Susan Bitter Smith

From: Sun City Residents

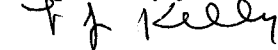
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Respectfully yours,



Lawrence & Arlene Kelly
14222 N Boswell Blvd,
Sun City, AZ 85351

Mrs. Susan Bitter Smith

8-23-14

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Valmer A. Protrase

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rita Whitney". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Rita Whitney".

August 23, 2014

Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing
1200 Washington Street, 2nd Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Attn: Susan Bitter Smith

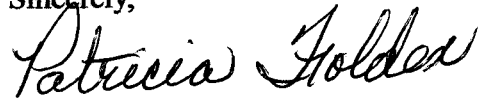
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Sincerely,

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Sun City Resident

Sun City, Arizona
August 27, 2014

To— Susan Litter Smith

Thank you for your consideration and a vote
to deny full consideration of the Epicor
water districts.

Mr. + Mrs. Chas. Luoma
10501 St. Desert Rock Dr.
Sun City, AZ 85357

To: Bob Burns
Susan Bitter Smith
Gary Pierce
Bob Stump
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From: Sun City Resident *Jim and Peggy Love*

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Respectfully yours,

Peggy Love

Janet Dougherty
10922 W. Tropicana Circle
Sun City, AZ 85351

August 18, 2014

Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing
1200 W. Washington Street, 2nd Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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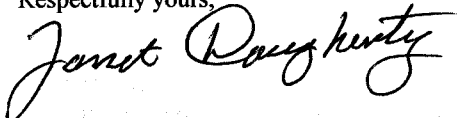
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Furthermore, most of us are retired and living on a fixed income. It is also my understanding that EPCOR has a reputation for buying water companies and then raising the prices to absorbent fees. I believe they did this in Surprise.. No one city should have to bare the burden of all the others for example Glendale who is not touched by this rate increase and yet Sun City is getting a 90% rate increase. This will not only hurt our resident water rates but will increase our recreation fees.

Thank you for your consideration and please vote to deny full consolidation of the EPCOR wastewater districts.

Respectfully yours,



Janet Dougherty



Frank L. Martin

4014 N. Limebell Street
Buckeye, AZ 85396
Home: (623) 242-7455
Frank's Cell: (909) 851-6526
fvmartin@earthlink.net

August 27, 2014

**Susan Bitter Smith, Commissioner
Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing
1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85007**

Dear Ms. Smith:

I am a 100% Disable Combat Marine living from V.A. and Social Security Disability income. I am 70 Years Old. My wife Vicky is 64 and has only Social Security Income. Our income is dramatically stressed by our \$250.00 per month average water bill. Vicky and I are the only people living in our home in Verrado. Vicky and I recently attended a meeting during which the waters rates of other communities we listed compared to ours in Verrado. We were stunned.

The implore you to lead the way for Full Consolidation of the water Districts listed below or at least those closely related to a full Consolidation will be yours and the other members top priority. This disparity in charges is staggering and insulting. I voted for you as did my wife, Daughter, and son-in-law, who live just five blocks from us in Verrado.

In the United States Marine Corps, I served in 1966 and 1967 with 1st Platoon, Delta Company, 1/1/1. I served as a Rifleman for 10 months and was involved in more than 115 Firefight and two very large scale battles each lasting 15 days in the jungle covered hills of the DMZ against several Divisions consisting of more than 15,000 North Vietnamese army Soldiers. I also served for a number of months as our Battalion Night Sniper. Sire I love our country and have fought long and hard suffering hearing loss and Cancer from exposure to Agent Orange. I was supposed

to die by mid-2000 but by the grace of God was spared. The extremely high waste water charges are hard to make and to accept. I have given much to our country and rely of good people like you to help us with full consolidation and relief from the high charges.

The chart included was provided by WAC Volunteers. Needless to say we were shocked.

Thank you for reading my letter. I hope to hear from you in the near future. Please sir, help us.

Sincerely,

Frank L. Martin

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1ST Platoon, Delta Company, 1/1/1 Republic of South Viet Nam

By the Numbers:

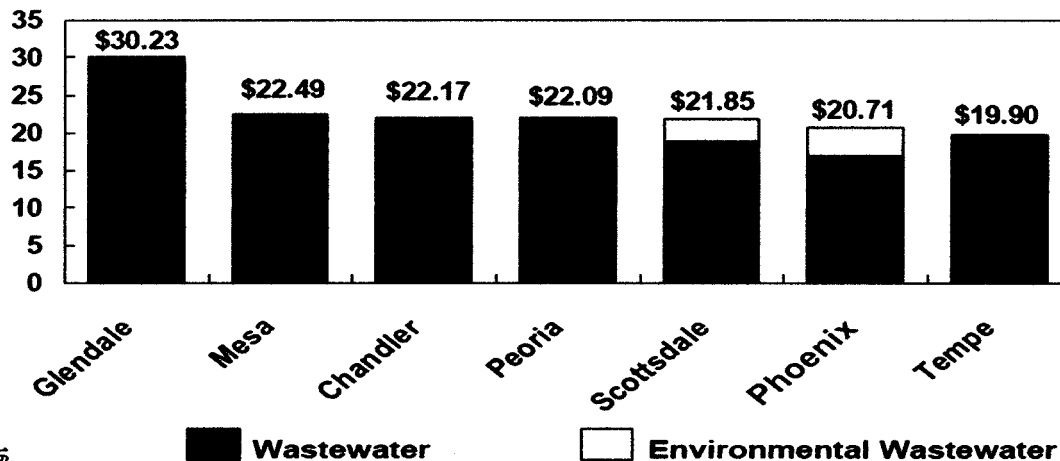
According to a recent EPCOR assessment, Agua Fria customers use an average of 11,000 gallons a month in water. Wastewater consumption is calculated at 100% of your regular water usage and is capped at 7,000 gallons of usage.

In Verrado, and across the entire Agua Fria Wastewater district, customers pay approximately \$106 each month for just wastewater. You can only pay a little less if your total water usage is below 7,000 gallons a month.

Here's a chart from a 2013 study about the average rates across Phoenix:

**WASTEWATER RATE COMPARISON RANKING
AVERAGE SINGLE-FAMILY MONTHLY BILL
PHOENIX METRO AREA
APRIL, 2013**

\$/MONTH



16

That means, on average, these areas are paying \$22.78 for wastewater. Verrado residents are paying **more than 400%** of the average Phoenix customer.

And here are the real-dollar impacts based on EPCOR's three options:

District rates (current)

- Agua Fria/Basic charge \$57.36/volume 7k x 6.9782 (48.85) = \$106.21
- Anthem/Basic charge \$33.28/volume 7k x 4.3587 (30.51) = \$63.79
- Sun City/Basic charge \$18.11/no volume charge = \$18.11
- Sun City West/Basic charge \$30.96 no volume charge = \$30.96


Next scheduled wastewater increase(Agua Fria)/decrease (Anthem) in January/February 2015.

- Agua Fria/Basic charge \$66.12/volume 7k x 7.97 (55.79) = \$121.91
- Anthem/Basic charge \$30.00/volume 7k x 3.75 (26.25) = \$56.25

Proposed wastewater fee for Anthem/Agua Fria reconsolidation

- Basic charge \$39.84/volume 7k x 4.99 (34.93) = \$74.77

Proposed wastewater fee for full consolidation: \$34.30 (no volume charge)




SUEAN Bitter Smith,

PLEASE do not combine our
WASTE WATER district with ANY
other district.

WE ARE A RETIREMENT
COMMUNITY AND MANY OF US
LIVE ON LIMITED INCOMES—
WE CANNOT AFFORD ALL OF
THE HIKES IN FOOD PRICES, MEDS,
GAS, WATER, ELECTRIC AND OUR
INSURANCE (HEALTH, HOUSE + CAR)

HOW CAN ANYONE PLAN CAREFULLY
FOR THEIR RETIREMENT NOW ADAYS?

BEATRICE A. MYERS
15513 W. WHITEWOOD DR.
SUN CITY WEST, AZ
85375



2014

August 19, 2014

Arizona Corporation Commission
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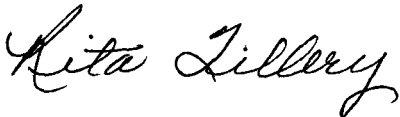
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Sincerely,



Rita Tillery, SCHOA Board Member
13629 N. 110th Ave.
Sun City, AZ 85351

August 18, 2014

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Martin Oudenhoven
10318 W. Cameo Dr.
Sun City, AZ 85351

Norma & Richard Stremick
10712 W. Saratoga Circle
Sun City, AZ 85351

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1200 W. Washington Street, 2nd Floor
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Susan Klawitter
18826 N. Welk Dr.
Sun City, AZ 85373

August 19, 2014

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Arizona Corporation Commission
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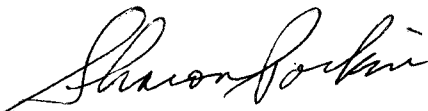
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Sharon Poskin
18826 N. Welk Dr.
Sun City, AZ 85373

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From: Dick & Nancy Saletzki, Sun City, AZ 85351

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10008 W. Coggins Dr.
Sun City, AZ 85351

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From: Mary Seely, Sun City Resident

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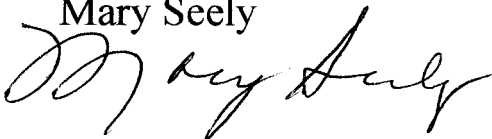
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Mary Seely

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10841 W Venturi Dr.
Sun City, AZ 85351

August 19, 2014

To: Bob Burns
Susan Bitter Smith
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From: Ritchie Miller

Re: **DOCKET NO. W-01303A-09-0343; SW-0303A-0-0343,**
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Marjorie Campbell

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From: Sun City Residents:
Robert & Sharon Sapp

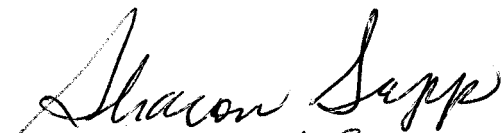
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Respectfully yours,


Robert Sapp

8/21/14

Ms. Kay Stark
12060 N Pebble Beach Dr.
Sun City, AZ 85351

August 18, 2014

To: Mr. Bob Burns - RBurns-web@azcc.gov
Susan Bitter Smith - BitterSmith-web@azcc.gov
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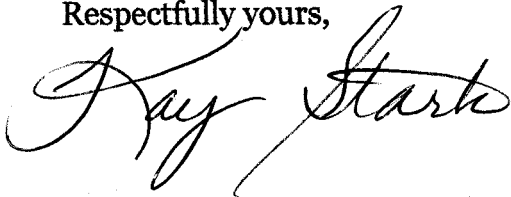
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July 31, 2014

Susan Bitter Smith, Commissioner
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W. Washington St., 2nd Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commissioner:

Realizing the great amount of power you hold in REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE's INTERESTS as a commissioner on this powerful body, we wish to emphasize our stand on the issue of waste water rates in the north and northwest area of Phoenix. Naturally we expect you, as a commissioner, to uphold our interests in defense of the lowest rates possible. Consider that for most of us in the district, our income is fixed as most of us are retired. For this reason, it is imperative that rates be held at their lowest possible level so that our limited income can be stretched as far as possible. You may think It an exaggeration that some in our situation must choose between food and medication in our spending efforts; for many of us who never dreamed fifteen years ago that medication costs would reach this level, this is a grim reality.

Please realize that we have chosen to reside in Sun City West because we expect to be able to manage and budget our expenses so that we can live independently in private homes rather than be a burden on the state and other resources. Yes, we understand that many issues enter into the assignment of waste water rates, not the least of which is age of the systems, geographical accessibility to water treatment plants, technology available to manage such systems. Naturally we try to limit our water usage because we live in the desert and water regardless of source is not easy to acquire. An area-wide education program directing the focus of residents toward appropriate water usage and disposal could greatly reduce the volume of wastewater needing treatment. Consider ten gallons of non-contaminated water being disposed on plants or landscaping daily by each resident: the calculations would be astounding when considering the treatment costs.

Please take a pledge today to keep wastewater rates at reasonable levels through HONEST, CONSCIENTIOUS MANAGEMENT untouched by heavy-handed corporate greed. As the saying goes, "we're watching you" and your vote in our support counts.

Your concerned constituents,

Ronald M and Ginny M Boyce
12918 W Meeker Blvd
Sun City West, AZ 85375-3802

Cc: PORA of SCW

August 1, 2013

21836 N Maya Ct
Sun City West, AZ 85375

Susan Ditter Smith, Commissioner
Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing
1200 W Washington; 2nd floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Madam:

I was appalled and most upset to receive an email from PORA in Sun City West, AZ re: the proposal to consolidate waste water rates among the five districts where monthly charges range from \$18.11 to next January's increase to \$121.91

Surely this is an error. It's definitely scary!!!

I moved to Sun City West, AZ in September 2001, after retiring from nursing, because of the lower cost of living compared to California.....hoping my Social Security and saving's might carry me through my old age IF I lived frugally. I was alone. I bought a small house. The seller showed me the Property Tax for that year= \$1050. Now it's just under \$1700/yr. Recreation Center fees were \$98/person; now they're \$408.

Gas for my 8 yrs old car goes up and up and up.

Keeping up with paying for air conditioning is a challenge.

I respectfully ask you to carefully consider folks like myself and come to a conclusion that won't force me, and others like me, to leave.....& go where?

Sincerely,

Bernadette T. Schalm

Bernadette T. Schalm

August 05, 2014



Susan Bitter Smith, Commissioner
Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing – 2nd Floor
1200 W. Washington
Phoenix AZ 85007

Re: EPCOR Options

As residents of Sun City West, we're writing you today to express our opposition to consolidation of our waste water district with Corte Bella or any other district.

We lived in Trilogy Vistancia for seven years prior to moving to Sun City West almost two years ago. Part of our decision to locate in Sun City West was that water, sewer, and garbage costs were comparable to what we used to pay the City of Peoria in Vistancia. Newer communities, particularly in unincorporated areas, should not be looking to established communities to shoulder the burden of utility costs. Better front-end work and improved disclosure to potential buyers by developers is a better answer.

Thank you for consideration of our comments.

George & Louise Mundell
13606 West Gable Hill Drive
Sun City West, AZ 85375

August 10, 2014

Susan Bitter Smith, Commissioner
AZ Corp. Commission
Commissioner Wing
1200 W. Washington 2nd Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Mr. Pierce,

We live in Sun City West, AZ. It is a retirement community and most residents are on a fixed income.

We realize other communities in the area are having higher priced monthly water bills. We do not want to be combined with them. Please vote to keep our monthly water bills with Epcor as they are.

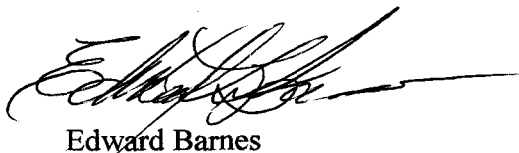
It is not our problem to pay more because of other issues in other areas. If you need to contact us

Here is our information;

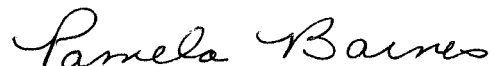
Edward and Pamela Barnes
21650 N. 131st Way, Sun City West, AZ 85375
Telephone Number- 623+-546-5787

Please let us know you have received this letter and will do all that you can to help our community.

Sincerely,



Edward Barnes



Pamela Barnes



Hilton

Scottsdale Resort & Villas

Susan Diller Smith

*I, a resident of Sun City West
vote "NO" on consolidation of
Corte Bella & Sun City West waste
water*

Dr. D. J. Lawrence



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CITY OF BUCKEYE
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

July 16, 2014

Commissioner Susan Bitter Smith
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W. Washington, 2nd Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: Docket Nos. W-01303A-09-0343, and SW-01303A-09-0343

Commissioner Bitter Smith,

I am sending this letter to urge you to vote YES on the Arizona Corporation Commission staff's recommendation that the Commission adopt, in its ordering paragraphs all of staff recommendations discussed herein concerning EPCOR's response and the setting of a procedural conference, to address the processing of these matters. This recommendation is detailed in Docket Nos. W-01303A-09-0343, and SW-01303A-09-0343.

As you know, water and sewer rates in the community of Verrado have increased dramatically over the last three years due to decisions made at the Arizona Corporation Commission regarding deconsolidation. The adoption of the staff recommendations will be a first step in achieving more reasonable, affordable rates for the water and sewer customers in the community of Verrado.

We feel that ultimately the best case for all customers involved is the full consolidation of all districts which would provide for a larger base to spread the cost of service.

Sincerely,

Eric W. Orsborn
Vice Mayor
City of Buckeye

EO/cc



CITY OF BUCKEYE
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

July 16, 2014

Commissioner Susan Bitter Smith
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W. Washington, 2nd Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2996

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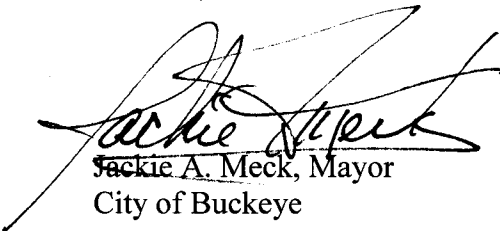
Dear Commissioner Bitter Smith,

Please accept this letter expressing my support for Arizona Corporation Commission staff's recommendation in Docket Nos. W-01303A-09-0343, and SW-01303A-09-0343. I urge you to please vote **yes**.

Over the last three years water and sewer rates in the community of Verrado have reached a point where they have become burdensome to residents and a deterrent to potential home buyers. Adopting staff's recommendations will be a first step in achieving more reasonable and affordable rates for the water and sewer customers in the community of Verrado.

A full consolidation of all districts, providing for a larger base to spread the cost of service, is the best solution for all customers. Please call or email me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Jackie A. Meck, Mayor
City of Buckeye

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March 7, 2014

Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Corporation Commissioners:

At a recent HOA meeting it was brought to my attention that a discrepancy in water/wastewater rates in the northwest valley exists. Several unincorporated communities (Cross River, Dos Rios, Coldwater Ranch, and Corte Belle) feel their rates are disproportionately higher than others in the surrounding areas.

I know you have heard from various elected officials regarding this situation and are well aware of the residents' concerns and unanswered questions. I want to support the Arizona Corporation Commission's consideration and review of the Water/Wastewater rate for these communities.

I want to thank you in advance of your time researching this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clint Hickman", with a long, sweeping underline.

Clint Hickman



COMMUNITY FUND OF SUN CITY WEST, INC.

September 5, 2014

"Helping Residents in Need"

Handwritten: "Have FUN"

Arizona Corporation Commission
Susan Bitter Smith - Commissioner
1200 W. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2996

Dear Commissioner Bitter Smith,

I am writing on behalf of the Community Fund of Sun City West. As you can see in the enclosed brochure, the Community Fund has provided financial assistance to Sun City West residents since 1982.

As you might imagine, the recipients of our aid are the elderly, living on a fixed income, usually Social Security. Last year we paid out nearly \$100,000 to cover utility bills, mortgages, etc.

Soon, the Corporation Commission will be asked to rule on a proposal by EPCOR that will effectively increase the cost of water and sewer to Sun City West residents. **The Community Fund of Sun City West strongly opposes this proposal.**

Our clients have not seen an increase in their income, and the cost of an increase in their water and sewer rates will be devastating for many of them. Please consider them when you make this decision.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Jerry Overton
Jerry Overton
President

Community Fund of Sun City West